(b) whether the Mahanager Telephone Nigam Ltd. has been authorised to increase the tariff; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the powers of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) With effect from 1-12-1986, the Government have revised tariffs in respect of certain inland Telecommunication services in the country. The tariffs thus revised are applicable to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, as well, in terms of the licence granted to it under Indian Telegraph Act.

(c) Prior approval of the Government is necessary for revision of tariff of any services provided by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited.

Vaydoot Services in Orissa

276. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect some districts of Orissa by Vayudoot services in 1987; and

(b) if so, which are the districts which have landing facilities for such a service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Vayudoot propose to connect Jharsuguda in Orissa during 1987-88 where the existing facilities require only marginal improvements.

Permission for Import of Drugs

277. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of cases of permission to import drugs are pending with the office of Chief Controller of Drugs for the last six months;

(b) if so, what is the total number of cases which have not been cleared by the Drug Controller received during the last quarter of 1986 from Bombay alone; and

(c) by when these cases are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loss of valuable Papers

278. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned 'Clandestine trade in valuable papers cripples archives' which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th December, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to check loss of such valuables?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is not aware of the details of such clandestine trade alleged in the newspapers.

(c) Government has been implementing a scheme for financial assistance to institutions, libraries etc. for the preservation of manuscripts in their custody since 1980-81.

The Government has also enacted the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act in 1972 to regulate the export trade in antiquities and art treasures, to provide